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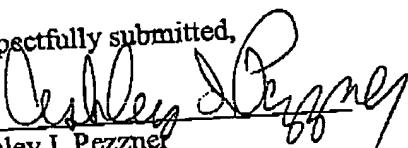
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith the International Preliminary Report On Patentability issued in the corresponding international application. The PCT Examiner noted that claims 1-4 had industrial applicability.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00180-US.

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 0000054642			
International application No. PCT/EP2004/008158	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 June 2004 (08.06.2004)		Priority date (day/month/year) 24 June 2003 (24.06.2003)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT			

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International application No. PCT/EP2004/006158	International filing date (day/month/year) 08.06.2004	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below Priority date (day/month/year) 24.06.2003
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

- type of material

a sequence listing

table(s) related to the sequence listing
- format of material

in written format

in computer readable form
- time of filing/furnishing

contained in the international application as filed

filed together with the international application in computer readable form

furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search

3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

- Reference is made to the following documents:

i. D1: DE 100 63 946 A (BASF AG) 4 July 2002

D2: DE 957 162 C (THOMAE GMBH DR K) 31 January 1957)

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Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not yet been furnished:

copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).

translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional Observations, if necessary:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	
1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims <u>1-4</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims <u>1-4</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	YES
	Claims <u>1-4</u>	NO
2. Citations and explanations:		
<p>v.1 The present application does not satisfy the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claims 1 to 4 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).</p> <p>Document D1 discloses (cf. page 2 line 54 to page 3 line 10, page 5 lines 52 to 62, page 6 lines 55 to 56, page 7 lines 15 to 16 and examples 2 to 10 and 13) the use of photoprotective agent combinations comprising a compound of the formula I and one or more compounds chosen from the compounds II to XVIII.</p> <p>The formula II described in document D1 is the formula II of the present application and or the formula XIII the formula I.</p> <p>The examples 2 to 10 and 13 presented in D1 describe mixtures of a plurality of photoprotective agents which comprise 2-ethylhexyl p-methoxycinnamate.</p> <p>The subject matter of the present claims 1 to 4 is therefore not novel.</p>		

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;

citations and explanations supporting such statement

v.2 The present application does not satisfy the

requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claims 1 to 4 does not involve an inventive step within the meaning of Article 33(3).

The object of the present application is to prevent diethylamino hydroxybenzoyl hexyl benzoate (Unvinul® A Plus) from crystallizing out.

This object was achieved by introducing 2-ethylhexyl p-methoxycinnamate (Unvinul® MC 80).

The teaching described in D2 is that "basic esters and amides of p-methoxycinnamic acid/.../ constitute exceptionally effective photoprotective substances due to their favourable absorption spectra" and exhibit no crystallization tendency (see page 1 line 28 to page 2 line 15).

A composition X which comprises Unvinul® A Plus and Unvinul® MC 80 will therefore, in a manner obvious to the person skilled in the art, exhibit less crystallization than a composition Y which comprises only Unvinul® A Plus.

The person skilled in the art would then only be surprised if the composition X had no crystallization despite the presence of Unvinul® A Plus.

This was not shown.

The subject matter of the present claims 1-4 can

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
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therefore not be regarded as inventive.